

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **Frederick County Sustainability Commission**

**Wednesday February 17, 2010**

**3:00 pm**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Meeting Room, Winchester Hall, 12 E. Church Street, Frederick, MD**

**Present:** Don Briggs, Annmarie Creamer, Lisa Gaver, Margie Lance, Rich Maranto, Kim Roberts, Fred Ugast, Janice Wiles; **Staff:** Hilari Varnadore, Lisa Orr.

**Others:** Linda Norris, Christian May, Jack Cash

#### **1. Call to Order and Welcome**

Chairman Don Briggs called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm

#### **2. Administrative Items**

Minutes: Margie Lance made several corrections to the January meeting minutes to include adding information about the letter to EPA in the context of Janice's Chesapeake Bay comments; spelling out Growth Management Initiatives (GMI), and adding herself as the commission member who said that education was a cross-cutting theme. All members voted in favor of accepting the meeting minutes as amended.

Commission vacancy update: The commission members were invited to review the twenty (20) applications that were received for the vacancy. Staff reported that an email would be sent after the meeting with the applications and a request for members to identify their top three candidates. Staff plans to compile the top candidates and assist the commission in narrowing down their list for the vacancy.

#### **3. Commission Member Comments**

Chair Briggs thanked the members for their hard work. He noted that the stakeholder meetings and outreach has been astounding. Annmarie Creamer mentioned the upcoming March 6<sup>th</sup> Go Green First Saturday event. Rich Maranto provided an update on the Our CommonWEalth film series, which begins on March 10<sup>th</sup> with the film Fresh. The series runs March to May then three months in the fall. It will be held at the MET. Janice Wiles and Mr. Maranto urged FCSC involvement. Margie Lance stated that the BOCC heard staff presentations on the Clean Energy Loan Program and Project Sunburst and expressed positive support for the work of the commission.

Mark Lancaster added that his "Dollars & Sense of Green Buildings" event got the attention of 100 people who had signed up. Don Briggs added that Fred, Hilari and himself had met with Laurie Boyer to discuss the Annapolis Environmental Stewardship Certification Program. He updated the commission on other meetings he had arranged including a meeting with the Board of Education with Farm Bureau, a hearing on infill projects before the BOCC, a meeting with Mayor Randy McClement, and an engagement with Colonel Robinson of Ft. Detrick. Janice

asked the commission if they would like to invite Naomi Bowers of the City of Frederick to sit with the commission at the table. There was consensus from the commission that being more inclusive of the municipalities was important. Don mentioned the goal of meeting with representatives from each city/town.

#### **4. Municipal Updates**

It was announced that on Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup> Maryland Planning Secretary Rich Hall will be in Frederick to discuss municipal/land use issues.

#### **5. Public Comment**

Christian May introduced himself and mentioned his work with Montgomery County's Sustainable Working Group.

#### **6. Presentation, Green Initiatives at Frederick County Public Schools**

Ray Barnes, Charlie Dalphon and Bob Wilkinson were in attendance from Frederick County Public Schools. Mr. Barnes provided a handout describing the Board of Education's green initiatives. He articulated the breadth of their work program describing energy, recycling, watershed conservation, green building, and environmental education programs. It was suggested that FCPS include the many initiatives on their website.

#### **7. Adjourn**

Fred made a motion to adjourn. Margie seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.